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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: JUNE 12 PLENARY SESSION

1. AT THE JUNE 12 PLENARY MEETING OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE NETHERLANDS REP (DEVOS). IN HIS STATEMENT, NETHERLANDS REP PRESENTED A DETAILED CASE FOR THE WESTERN PROPOSAL THAT SOVIET REDUCTIONS IN PHASE I TAKE THE FORM OF THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS OF A SOVIET TANK ARMY, INCLUDING FIVE DIVISIONS AND SOME 68,000 SOVIET SOLDIERS AND 1700 MAIN BATTLE TANKS.

2. IN JUSTIFYING THE WESTERN DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL
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OF A SOVIET TANK ARMY, DEVOS REFERRED TO ALLIED CONCERNS

REGARDING THE LARGE NUMBERS OF SOVIET TANKS IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS, THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL CONCENTRATION, THEIR FORWARD POSITION AND THE OVERALL MASSIVE PREPONDERANCE OF EASTERN TANKS OVER WESTERN TANKS IN THE AREA. NETHERLANDS REP ADDED THAT ALLIED CONCERN OVER THESE IMPORATANT FACTORS WAS FURTHER INTENSIFIED BY THE FACT THAT THERE WERE MANY MORE TANKS INSIDE THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH AFFORDED THE SOVIETS THE CAPABILITY TO AGGRAVATE THE ALREADY VERY LARGE EXISTING DISPARITY.

3. THE TEXT OF THE JUNE 12 NETHERLANDS PLEA NRY STATEMENT HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAM.RESOR

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